

FREQUENTLY ASKED IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION QUESTIONS

- Q. I have misplaced my Certificate of Naturalization and was told that I must have my original certificate in order to obtain a passport. I am traveling next month. How can I replace my certificate or is there any document which will prove that I am a citizen?
- A. Fill out a G639 form which is available at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, located at the JFK Federal Building, Room 170, Boston, MA. Once this form is filed, you will receive a "Letter of Verification" within two weeks. You may use this letter to obtain a passport. The cost of the letter is \$25.00
- In addition, you should fill out a N565 form which can be picked up at the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Once this form is filed, you will receive a new Certification of Naturalization, within one year. Cost: \$135.00.
- Q. My father came to this country in 1899. I believe he became a naturalized citizen in 1925. I would like to receive whatever information you have including his petition, declaration of intent, copy of his certificate, etc. Can I get this information from you?
- A. The District Court does not have documents dating this far back. Our records are current dating back only five years from this date. Any information for events prior to this date may be obtained at the National Archives and Records Administration, 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham MA. The telephone number is 781-647-8104.
- Q. I became a naturalized citizen last year and changed my name at that time. I have misplaced my name change petition and would like to obtain a new original. Can I get this from your office?
- A. Yes. The District Court has copies of all name change petitions dating back five years from this date. We can provide a new original.
- Q. How often are Naturalization ceremonies conducted and where are they held?
- A. The District Court schedules on average two naturalization ceremonies each month with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. At each ceremony, between 300 and 500 new citizens are naturalized. These ceremonies take place at the Great Hall in Faneuil Hall in Boston.
- Q. I filed my paperwork with the Immigration and Naturalization Service two years ago and have not been notified. When will I be naturalized?
- A. Call the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 617-565-1510.